

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR  
TREATING INTERVERTEBRAL DISC  
DEGENERATION

Confirmation No.: 2977

Group Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: Marsha M. Tsay

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(SBI-064-DIV)

**CUSTOMER NO. 45488**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
DATED MARCH 22, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2007, for which the three-month date for response was June 22, 2007.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to July 22, 2007, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013882RE. A fee for one additional dependent claim is due; the Director is

authorized to deduct said fee, and any other fees required under 37 CFR 1.16-1.21 for any reason, from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013882RE.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The amendments to the claims begin on page 3, and the remarks begin on page 6.